(vi) Health education activities have been stepped up. Mass media, AIR & Doordarshan are actively involved.

(vii) 45 Leprosy Training Centres including 14 in voluntary sectors have been set up to provide training to various categories of workers providing service to leprosy patients.

(viii) Voluntary Organisations are encouraged to provide health education, rehabilitation and curative services to leprosy patients.

(ix) 13 Leprosy Rehabilitation Promotional units are providing rehabilitation services to leprosy cases in various states. There are proposals to set up another 7 such centres shortly in the MDT districts.

(x) The programme has been subjected to annual independent evaluation since 1986 to validate the reported date.

(xi) Antileprosy drugs are available free of cost and in sufficient quantities.

(xii) Rs. 46.90 crores have been spent during the first 3 years of the 7th Plan. Rs. 17.00 crores have been provided for the current year.

Setting up of a national medical university

22. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no uniformity in the medical education in respect of duration of the courses stipend in the post-graduate courses, subjects taught etc. in the country; and

(b) whether Government propose to set up a national medical university so as to provide uniform medical education in the country?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) The Medical Council of India has prescribed minimum requirements by way of staff, accommodation, equipment and also training and teaching programme duration of courses, examination pattern, etc. for both under-graduate and post-graduate courses. These recommendations are approved as Regulations under the provisions of the Indian Medical Council Act and are mandatory. The Medical Council of India conducts periodical inspections to see that these recommendations are followed by all institutions so that uniform standard of medical education is maintained in the country. However, in regard to post-graduate courses, the duration differ from University to University. Some universities are having two years course and some are having three years courses. The rate of stipends to post-graduate students also varies from State to State.

(b) There is no proposal to set up a national medical university to provide uniform medical education in the country.

Making of a Film Sahaja

23. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that film titled 'SAHAJA' was made by Aravindan in connection with the Festival of India in USSR;

(b) whether it was shown in the USSR; if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) what is the total expenditure which was incurred on this film and who is responsible for incurring the expenditure; and